# FEEDBACK

## ANARCHY ON TV ?

**'Fighting Back' BBC1 Serial.**
*The following review is taken from NO LIMITS produced in Leeds.*

I have been watching the current BBC1 serial 'Fighting Back' with interest.

The story centres around Vic, who has left her drunken, bullying husband in Liverpool, and returned to her native Bristol, where she finds her mother is dead and her father doesn't want to know her. She runs into Danny, the black father of her eldest child, and then Bruce, the husband, turns up to try and take the kids off her. The first episode last week concerned itself mainly with scene-setting and was a bit tedious in places – especially the bit with the 'friendly neighbourhood copper' who 'looks after' Viv and brings her cups of tea. The court scene was good, when the magistrate took Viv's kids off her and put them in care, after she crashed a car and beat up Bruce.

The second part perked up a lot. The story became more established, and we saw Viv trying to get her kids back from care, meeting up with local anarchists and learning how to squat!

This is the best bit of TV drama I've seen for ages – a good ethnic mix of actors, favourable portrayal of anarchists, lots of women in positive roles (especially the sublime Cheryl – doyenne of the Women's Centre and member of the Bristol Anarchists), fairly realistic portrayal of the police, bastaed landlords, an Asian lawyer caught between his rich practice with porperty dealers and the Law Centre where he wants to support Viv and the women squatters, political realism – they're squatting becase the bastard landlord wants to pull the houses down to build a supermarket.

I cheered when I watched Cheryl, at the top of a ladder, crowbarring a window to gain entry to the squat, putting new locks on and reading out the legal warning to the bastard landlord. Hazel O'Connor (ex-pop star) is surprisingly good as Viv, and she's backed up by a strong cast. I reckon 'Fighting Back' is on a par with 'Boys from the Blackstuff' etc as a socially realistic portrayal of British society and its problems. Will Viv join the Bristol Anarchists? Will the squat be evicted? What will happen to the kids? Tune in next Monday and find out!

*Alternative review by Bristol @ next issue.*

## Anarchy in the Kitchen

### WHAT TO EAT AFTER THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION

This recipe is called **Revolutionary Mussels** (Musclos Revolucionaris), because it was popularised by a group of Catalan excusionists who called themselves the sons of Francesco Sabater, in sympathy with Quico Sabater, the anarchist guerilla. Unfortunately the main components (mussels and fizzy wine – or *xampany de porro* – aren't exactly within everybody's reach in Britain, though here they're dirt cheap). Well, you can always dream. . .

The recipe, according to my book, is as follows: clean and boil a large quantity of fresh mussels. When boiled, leave them with the water just covering them in a large saucepan, with the lid on, on a low heat. After a short while, drain them, put them in a large dish and cover them with the following sauce.

*How to make the sauce:* crush six or seven pieces of raw garlic together with a good amount of toasted almonds until you have a tough paste. Then add two or three grilled tomatoes, peeled and pipped, two or three boiled eggs, without the white, and pound the mixture well. Then add olive oil, stirring continuously until you have sauce of the consistency of mayonnaise. When you think you've got enough sauce, add salt, and pour it over the mussels. Then add the whites of the boiled eggs, finely chopped. Put the fizzy wine in a *porro* (one of those things with a spout which you tip into your mouth) – and drink while eating the mussels.

**MT. Barcelona**

## POETRY CORNER

### WHAT THE SCIENTISTS DID TO WILLIAM LANNEY

*A man called William Lanney lived in Hobart*
*in 1869.*
*He was a sailor by trade*
*He was Black*
*He was the last male survivor* of the*
*Oyster Cove Community*
*(there were also two older women,*
*Mary Ann and Truganini)*
*All the rest had been slaughtered by the whites*
*in one way or another*

*At that time there was much interest*
*Among those who called themselves scientist*
*In races and racism*
*Representatives of the Tasmanian Society*
*and the College of Surgeons*
*Wrote letters to the Government*
*And to the Hobart Mercury*
*Saying that the bodies of the last*
*surviving Blacks*
*Should not be buried*
*But handed over to qualified scientists*
*For close examination*

*On 2nd March 1869 William Lanney*
*suddenly died*
*He had a heart attack while drinking in the*
*bar of the Dove & Partridge Hotel*
*White friends of his immediately saw the*
*Premier, Sir Richard Dry*
*And received assurances that the body*
*would be decently buried*

*William Lanney was taken to the morgue*
*While the funeral arrangements were*
*being made*
*Dr. Crowther, a prominent member of*
*the College of Surgeons,*
*broke into the morgue with two confederates,*
*sawed off William Lanney's head*
*replaced it with the head of a white man*
*called Ross who had recently died*
*and made off*
*When Lanney's friends came to collect*
*the body*
*they were outraged*
*But the head could not be found*
*Lanney was buried without his head in*
*Saint David's Cemetry*
*after a large funeral procession,*
*mostly of fellow sailors*

*That night two parties of scientists*
*one from the Royal Society under*
*Dr. Stokell, the other from the*
*College of Surgeons under Crowther*
*collected with picks and shovels*
*Stockell's party reached the cemetery first*
*and dug Lanney up,*
*while Crowther and his men arrived to*
*find an empty grave*
*Lanney was taken back to the morgue*
*where his skin was cut off*
*and his body cut up into little pieces*
*In the interest of science*
*Also in the interest of science*
*Stokell eventually made Lanney's scrotum*
*into a tobacco pouch,*
*and various other pieces of him*
*were passed to other men of science*
*as souvenirs.*
*Crowther and his gang arrived at the*
*morgue and broke in*
*but there were only little fragments*
*of Lanney left*
*The next day these were put in a cask*
*and buried again,*
*this time in the Campbell Street Cemetery*
*Lanney's head was never recovered*

*In time there was a judicial inquiry,*
*all witnesses were examined,*
*Stokell and Crowther defended their actions,*
*Lanney (they said) was a member of an*
*inferior race,*
*a proper subject for scientific study*
*And they got away with it*
*Crowther was dismissed from his hospital*
*position, but that was all.*
*Grave-robbing and mutilation of bodies*
*were praiseworth actions*
*when carried out by scientists*

*Eventually Mary Ann and Truganini died too*
*Truganini's skeleton was put on exhibition*
*in a museum*
*She had asked to have her body dropped*
*into some deep part of the sea*
*This didn't happen till 1976*
*The scientists declared they owned her*
*and it took a hundred years to loosen*
*their grip*
*No one cut up any scientists to examine*
*them closely*
*Do you think that White Australians learnt*
*any lessons?*

**by jas h duke**

*these people were not the last Tasmanian Aborigines. Other communities were living on Cape Barren Island, and other places off the Northern Coast. Present Tasmanian Aborigines are descendant from these other communities.

*Taken from MIGRANT 7, P.O. Box 2430V GPO Melbourne 3001 Australia.*

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

**Publications Received:**

*ORGANISE!* No. 1 5p from c/o Just Books, 7 Winetavern St, Belfast. Produced by the Ballymena Anarchist Group. The first issue covers the situation in Ireland at the moment, news on Wapping, the Silent Night Beds strike, Victoria working conditions, the Anarchist Black Cross, and an explanation of a narcho-syndicalism.

*'WHAT IS ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM?'* 8 page pamphlet published by Tower Hamlets DAM 17 Turners Rd, Limehouse London E3. This neat little pamphlet covers anarchism, exploitation, leninist tyranny, organisation, syndicalism, workers control and the general strike.

**The Beano** Summer Special No. 3, 20p 20 pages c/o *Anarchy Club, Student's union, Maidstone College of Art, Oakwood Park, Oakwood Road, Maidstone, Kent.*

**Northwest Passage** June 1986 50c. 12 pages A3 newspaper. *NWP, 1017-B, East Pike Street, Seattle, WA, 98122. USA*

**Rivista Anarchica** L.2.500 June/July 1986 52 pages. Anti-nuclear dossier *Postale 17120, 20170 Milano ITALY.*

They also announce that the binder for the Anarchist Encyclopaedia will soon be ready, and that the next folio will be on Anarchism and Anthropology.

FEEDBACK

Hooligan Press, at some time in the near future, will be putting together a paperback compilation of contemporary anarchist short stories. Anyone who's written one (or two, or ten!) are invited to send them in. There's no pay but then again there never is. . . Please send contribution to: *Hooligan Press, c/o BM Hurricane, London WC1N3XX As soon as possible. . .*

The book by Sam Dolgoff *Fragments* is £6 (*not* £3 as inadvertently stated in the last issue of *Black Flag* – confusing it pricewise with *The Art of Anarchy* which is £3). Refract are bringing out in the autumn a new book on Facerias, one of the last of the Spanish resistance fighters associated with Sabater, once the Dolgoff book is successfully launched.

## LATE NEWS

### A BIT OF GOOD NEWS FROM SPAIN

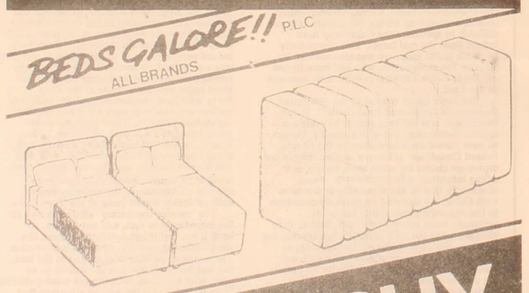
As we have reported in the last two issues of *Black Flag*, the CNT-AIT* was recently deprived of the right to use its own name and declared illegal by the Spanish courts.

We are now happy to report that *this decision has been overturned* and the case has gone to a higher court. The CNT-AIT is therefore no longer illegal. More details in the next issue of *Black Flag*.

*CNT-AIT is an anarcho-syndicalist union affiliated to the International Workers Association (The Anarcho-Syndicalist International)

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# FREE OMORI

Sixty people from as far away as Manchester, Bolton, Nottingham and France came together outside the Japanese Embassy in London on August 11 this year to energetically protest against the death sentence imposed on Anarchist sympathizer Katsuhisa Omori three years ago.

Every time a functionary entered or left the building, shouts of 'No State Murder in Japan – Free Omori!' increased, while leaflets about Omori were distributed to passersby. A noose was shown to bureaucrats and police who were smiling 'Hanging is No Laughing Matter'. An attempt to present petitions for Omori's release was foiled by the official's refusal to open the door of the embassy. A popular chant was 'Hang the Emperor, not Omori!'

There are reports that on the same day, 30 people ran into the Japanese Air Lines Office in London, yelling 'Free Omori' – tables smashed and pot plants launched themselves at computer terminals as leaflets scattered and the group ran out. There were supposed to have been four arrested later, but charges were dropped.

Omori was arrested ten years ago on August 10 1976, in connection with the bombing of a government office on Hokkaido island (Japan) in March 1976. Despite a complete lack of proper evidence against him (see *Black Flag* no. 138 for details), Omori was put on trial in February 1977 and (in a trial lasting six years) was sentenced to death in March 1983. Omori's anti-state ideas, plus the fact that Omori punched the Judge early on in the trial, are thought to be behind the decision to silence Omori permanently.

Omori is currently appealing against his death sentence at Sapporo's High Court (Sapporo is the capital city of Hokkaido. Omori is being detained there) and contacts in Japan tell us that the appeal is set to drag on for another year. If the appeal fails to overturn the death sentence – which is highly likely – Omori's case will go to the Supreme Court in Tokyo. If the Supreme Court re-affirms the death sentence –again, highly likely – Omori will be murdered by the State in approximately three years from now.

Several Omori Support groups exist within Japan at present and more groups are being set up all the time. The main Omori support group is in Tokyo. It is composed of both Anarchists and non-Anarchists. They hold meetings every ten days to review the case and help produce an information bulletin each month. (Does anyone out there translate Japanese?) On March 15, 1986, they held a public meeting attracting seventy people and on March 29th they attended a picket outside the Ministry of Justice (Tokyo) together with with supporters of the 'Tokyo 5' – a group group of five anti-imperialists on death row accused of belonging to an armed group. (The East Asian Anti-Japanese Armed Front).

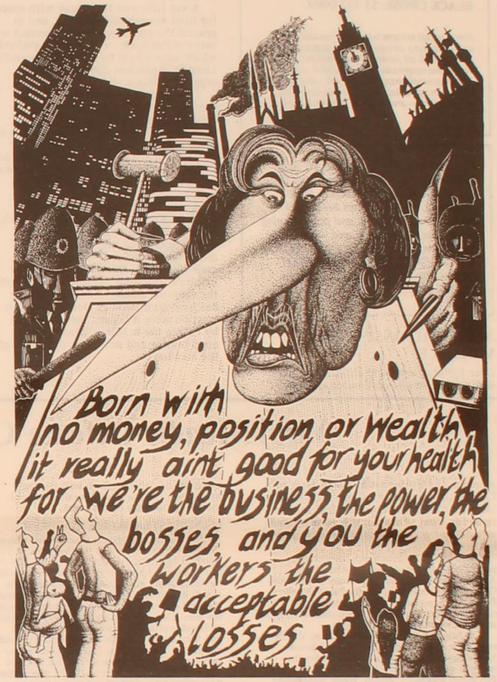
Omori's wife, Kyoko, (who married Omori in 1985) is active in an Omori Support group in Sapporo. They hold a protest march through this city every month. Omori support also exists in Osaka and Kyoto.

As we go to press we have heard that the Japanese Consulate in New York was successfully picketed on August 12 in solidarity with Omori. The picket was organised by the Workers Solidarity Alliance (US section of the IWA). More news of other pro-Omori activity worldwide in the next issue of *Black Flag*.

**Source: Tokyo Omori Support Group**




*A delegation from the demonstration tries to present petitions calling for Omori's release.*




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## Rioters Stage Hit on JAL London Office

LONDON (Kyodo) — A placard-carrying group of more than 10 men burst into the London office of Japan Air Lines (JAL) Monday afternoon, shouting demands for the release of a Japanese radical now under sentence of death in Japan.

The group staged a brief demonstration in the office, running wild and breaking a computer terminal, a glass desktop and other office items, JAL officials said.

A Scotland Yard spokesman told Kyodo News Service that the men were Caucasians and blacks but did not include Orientals. The group fled from the office about a minute after the demonstration, he said.

They were apparently demanding the release of Katsuhisa Omori, 36, a Japanese radical who was sentenced to death in Japan in 1983.

There were no casualties among customers and JAL officials present in the office at the time of the demonstration, but the damage to the office items is estimated at ¥500,000, JAL officials said.

Scotland Yard detectives who happened to be in the area arrested four of the group, but they were released later without being charged.

The demonstrators are believed to belong to a human rights group which is campaigning for the release of those who have been sentenced to death throughout the world.

Omori is now appealing to the Sapporo High Court against the death sentence imposed by the Sapporo District Court following his conviction on charges of bombing the Hokkaido prefectural government office in 1976.

A group believed to be the same as that responsible for the JAL office incident also staged a demonstration in front of the Japanese Embassy here Monday afternoon, shouting "free Omori," embassy officials said.

In April 1984, Sony Corp.'s factory on the outskirts of Paris and the office of an import agent for Japanese cars in Paris were attacked with bombs. Callers who claimed responsibility for the attacks demanded Omori's release.

However, the Scotland Yard spokesman said he was not aware of any direct connection between the London demonstrators and any international terrorist groups, including the Japanese Red Army.



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*The last issue of BLACK FLAG was delayed because of problems with the new printing press at Aldgate Press. Apologies. This issue has been a lot of work, due to sickness, and people being away. Due to summer, and work going into the latest edition of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON ANARCHISM, the next issue of BLACK FLAG no. 161 will appear 22nd September.*

# HOME NEWS

## MARCH AGAINST MALE VIOLENCE

Over 1,500 women and children marched through the streets of London on Saturday 28th July to protest against male violence against women at home and on the streets.

The march was organised in response to the murder of Balwant Kaur, and the increasing number of rapes and murders of women in recent months. Balwant was killed by her husband, last year, after she had tried to escape his beatings by seeking safety at Brent Womens Refuge.

After a rally at Hyde Park, where a number of women spoke, including a woman from Molesworth Peace Camp who told of three rapes that have happened there.

A van followed the march with space for tired women and children, and in general the march was well organised with maps of the route of the march available, which were a help to women from outside London. Anarchist demonstration organisers take note!

Towards the back of the march, rowdy anarchist women yelled at bourgeois onlookers and confronted male bystanders as to whether they read pornography ('Occasionally' said one liberal!) An attempted sit-down outside the South African Embassy was abandoned, as it was instantly surrounded by police.

A rally under the shadow of the Imperial War Museum ended the march. Linda Bellos, supreme commander of Lambeth Council, was heckled as she spoke against male violence. 'You use male violence – the violence of the bailiffs at evictions', yelled women from the squatted creche in Brixton, which has been continuously threatened with eviction since it began. She responded by calling the heckling 'despicable', amid booing and shouts by the rally, at the hecklers.

## ANARCHIST WOMENS CONFERENCE

**Nottingham**

Having attended the March Against Male Violence in London, we missed the first day of the conference, but it was rumoured to have been constructive, with 50-60 women at the larger meetings. Among the topics were Anarchism and Feminism, Violence/Aggression, Pornography and Censorship, Race/Class/Work, Sexuality and practical sessions, including massage. (I can only report on the workshops I attended, as there wasn't much of a report-back at the end).

On the issue of Pornography, we agreed that articles in *Freedom* were not typical of anarchist attitudes towards pornography. The more people whine about 'freedom' for pornographers to distribute their glossy propaganda, the less freedom women have to live their lives without interference and violence. We discussed how, if we attack religion for twisting peoples' sexuality, alongside pornography, which has the same effect, we can't be confused with the Mary Whitehouse moralists. At the Race/Class/workshop we talked about different ways of working towards revolution and leftist myths like 'you can't be racist if you're black' and 'You can't be anti-woman if you are a woman' etc. Heterosexism was discussed at the sexuality workshop, I heard, amongst other areas.

At the end, publications were swapped and we planned another conference, to be organised by Bristol anarchist women. As there were so many topics, it was hard to go into anything in great depth, so future regular get-togethers will be useful. Also, in my experience contact lists go out of date very fast, so more organisation is needed to break down anarchist women's isolation around the country.

Thanks to the Nottingham anarchist men who ran the creche. Nottingham Anarchist women are contactable through Box A, Mushroom, Heathcote Street, Nottingham, though this address is to change very soon. We should have the new address by the next issue of *Black Flag*. Watch for details.



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# Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign - Anti-Racist March

**A march took place from Manchester to London. It was called by the Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign, and marched for the right for Viraj to stay in this country and as a defiant gesture against the immigration controls.**

The core of the march was comprised of people from five main groups: Anarchists; Anti-Fascist Action; Revolutionary Communist Group; Workers Revolutionary Party *(Workers Press)* and non-aligned individuals/solitary representatives. Under the organisational structure adopted, we worked together well.

On July 5th the march set off from Manchester after a rally outside the Council house. As the campaign is strong in Manchester the turn-out of approx. 300 was a bit disappointing. The mood was good though. When Manchester police tried to place one of their vans in the middle of the march, people responded by stopping and acting together. The police backed down.

When we arrived in Stockport there was a meeting where representatives from the groups on the march, and people who'd done work in Stockport spoke. The marchers were then taken to various places where accomodation was offered. Since the march was short of funds when it began, (we had £800 but needed about £3,000) we were fortunate and grateful that in nearly all towns there were some people who would offer us free food and accomodation. It would be long and boring to list all the organisations and individuals involved. They came from a wide section of the community and they know who they are. People who get active would soon find out.

The first marchers meeting, in Stockport, the next day saw an attempt to place the march under the direction of a committee. Strong objections from anarchists and non-aligned individuals who indicated that they as marchers wished to be part of the organisation made the committee fall. From then, the wish to form a committee to do almost anything became a standing joke of the march.

Organisation of the march then fell on volunteers, to cover the tasks such as providing food, stewarding, transporting luggage, tidying up. The organisation adopted was as follows. A group of four chose the route for the day and informed the police about the route. This group usually changed members every three or four days. The treasurer and press secretary were more permanent. The treasurers job did change hands, I don't know about the press secretaries. These jobs were shared fairly between people representative of the various opinions on the march. Some chose to be more involved, others seemed happy to be led. The street collecting, leafletting and announcing occurred more or less spontaneously when the need arose.

With the organisation of the march structured as decided it went well. When problems arose they were dealt with through discussion in the marchers' meetings that were held each day. It can't be denied that the opportunity for all to participate was presented. That some people felt less able to than others, was, in my view, partly a reflection of how well they knew what was going on, which reflects both on their inhibitions, and the reluctance of some with knowledge to make others aware.

### MANCHESTER TO BIRMINGHAM

After leaving Manchester we marched through smallish towns on the way to Birmingham, The numbers on the march dropped to about 25-30 but increased in the towns. From Handsworth to Birmingham many people joined us so the march had about 150. In Handsworth the cops clamped down and stopped us marching about the area. They stopped us just before we entered Handsworth, so we were still quite small, and they meant business even though they did not greatly outnumber us. There were one or two vanloads of police and they had stopped us outside the police station. While negotiations were going on, a defiant call was coming over the microphone reminding people of who the police have murdered recently. This wasn't enough to rouse people to surge through the police lines. We backed down and the next day the police capitalised on this by banning collections on the streets and the use of loud hailers. This was frustrating as we were then marching with 150 people. Since collections were funding the march, and we would have got a lot from the streets in this area, this was a damaging blow.

We marched out of Birmingham to Coventry the next day. One motorcycle cop told us we had to stop but we ignored the request, and he rode off sulking. The police had for some time now adopted the policy of not escorting us through the countryside. It was pleasing when they cleared off, and traffic problems had been greatly reduced by their absence. Unfortunately one or two drivers seemed to have difficulty in finding their brake pedals unless confronted by a uniform!




### LEICESTER

The march broke off, for a special visit to Leicester. This was to accomodate a strong request from people in Leicester for the march to pass through their town! We wanted to go there too and after waiting most of the day in Coventry bussed over to Leicester. We were put down in Birmingham, but came back with a vengeance in Leicester. We assembled in some open space on the back streets. The police inspector was telling us we couldn't go onto the high road, but we wanted to be public. What's the point of marching if no one can see you? Some local youth were watching us cynically. Then at about 6.00pm we broke the ice. While the inspector was still trying to convince the stewards, the march moved off straight through past two cops. They had about 20 but most were in their vans. We were about 40-50 and we had them by surprise, and to our pleasure some of the local youth joined in. The inspector and a croney stopped the banner but others just flooded through, and we were onto the main road. We were walking into traffic rather than with it and the police still tried a bit but their will was broken. We marched triumphantly through the asian community in Leicester chanting anti-police, and anti-immigration control slogans. The cops had backed down, and we entered the Red Star Club for our meeting.

### COVENTRY TO WATFORD

The next day we returned by bus to Coventry and marched on to Rugby. Our spirits were raised and the marching went well.

I'd never been to Milton Keynes before. When I arrived I thought I was at a prison camp. The town is the planners dream and it's shit. People don't need to think. They can just go to work, stay in on the dole, and do the shopping, watch TV all day and drag their life away. There is a field with concrete cows, a Barclays Bank in the centre made entirely of glass and a Rolls Royce parked alongside the cars of the proles. We were a bit disturbed on first arriving to see the Labour Club where we were staying covered in swastikas. Besides the fact that the town could do with a bomb dropping on it, it was here that the march really got shook up. Viraj's last appeal through the courts had been turned down. It was suggested that we do more. The marchers decided to try a stunt,and also to be ready for another event after the march. The first was organised while the second was put off for further discussion.

We left Milton Keynes having made little impact and little money. To round off we were spat on from an overbridge by schoolchildren. We continued towards London. After resting a day at Luton we moved on.

### LONDON

On entering London the Metropolitan Police tried tried to dictate how the march was going to go. We resisted and this resulted in about 7 or 8 of us being arrested. They were all released with cautions, however in Central London 5 people from the march were arrested while trying to pull a couple of stunts. This got publicity in the CP's *Morning Star*, but otherwise there were few reports in the mainstream press.

There were more people marching in London. Like people in Birmingham, the London support group were able to, and had done work which brought people in. After we reached Islington we picketed the Home Office on July 25th and held a march to a rally at Conway Hall on the 26th. The picket was well attended by between 150 and 250 people. We may have been more noticeable had we gone inside the Home Office but we didn't. The next day we had a march of about 300 people to Conway Hall. There were numerous speeches, filtering right down to the grass roots marchers. After the rally the only event was a social which I've heard went okay.

### POLITICS

The march had a male:female ratio of 2;1. It disturbed some people that there were some sexist hassles occurring. The issue was raised at a marchers meeting early in the march, but the problem didn't go away. Instead two groups arose representing conflicting views. Though they did partially intermix the distribution was easily seen. This problem was confronted again near the end of the march. Some people didn't like the way it was done (distribution of leaflets) but those doing it argued that they felt no other channel was possible for expression. A problem did exist though, and it wasn't going to go away by us all reminding ourselves that we were on an 'anti-racism march not a sexism awareness course'. This attitude demonstrated contempt towards those people who wanted to and had put a lot of work into the march, but happened to be of a sensitive disposition. Some of these people are becoming more reluctant to campaign because of the general attitude to the problems they were encountering with some marchers.

### MORE POLITICS

The VMDC-Anti-Racist March, has been completed. It raised few if any eyebrows in the national press, but for what it did, and its size its not that surprising. *The Guardian* reminded us that it has little sympathy for those who wish to fight for themselves by heading its only article 'Black Activist Must Go'. Meanwhile in Manchester the *Evening News* did over two sides covering the event. If the march failed to generate the publicity that was wanted, it did make contact with many others who face persecution from the racism enshrined in the British State. If its given them some confidence to fight then it won't have failed. As for Viraj he is presently relying on a personal plea to the Home Secretary from his MP. At the end of the march it was suggested that a day of action be called for the first Saturday in September, and this be followed by a mass protest, early in October. At the moment the outlook is bleak. If we soon see marches and demos of 2000-3000 instead of 200-300 there is a greater chance that Viraj Mendis and many other black people will stay.

Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign meets each Sunday 7-30pm at the Town Hall, the Upper Lloyds Street entrance, Manchester.

*Anarchist Marcher*

*VMDC c/o North Hulme Centre, Jackson Crescent, Hulme, Manchester. M15 5AL*

JANUARY 31 CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTI-IRISH LEGISLATION



# INTERNATIONAL

## WEST GERMANY

### RAF RESURGENCE

A resurgence of guerrilla activity, with signs of further cross border collaboration has been indicated by several incidents of direct action attributed to members of the Marxist Red Army Fraction in West Germany and Action Directe in France.

The first attack took place on Wednesday July 9th. The target was **Siemens** employee, and leading nuclear expert, Professor Karl Heinz Beckurts. While the West German police do not believe that the assassination was linked to a bomb attack (claimed by Action Directe) on a police headquarters in Paris, the French police reportedly disagree, given the timing (both attacks took place on the same day) and the similarity of the methods used (involving timers).

A second RAF attack involved bombing a research institute that specialises in laser technology for the Star Wars project a week later. A third RAF attack involved an explosion outside the offices of the aeronautics firm, **Dournier**. A note claiming responsibility by the RAF was left behind.

*SOURCE: G.C.*

NB. Action Directe has also claimed responsibility for another recent bombing in Paris – namely the explosion outside the offices of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

There were no casualties. A claim was made by the 'Ciro Rizzato Fighting Unit' of Action Directe.

## NEWS FROM BIG MOUNTAIN

**The US Government is playing softly softly about the relocation because of the amount of attention that is focussed on the area at the moment. The Sundance took place as usual for the 4th year running. There were about 2,000-3,000 non-Indian supporters on the land for the deadline.**



Harassment of the people of Big Mountain takes the form of impounding their livestock, diverting the water supply and flying large military jets low over their hogans at all times of the night and day.

### Peabody Coal Company

Just a few of the corporate connections between the Reagan Administration and Peabody Coal made clear the Government's interest in removing the people and pillaging the land. An Anti-Trust ruling against Kennecott Copper Company in the 1970s left Peabody in the control of 6 multi-national corporations:

*Newmont Mining Corporation*, ( a mining company with 2.5% interest); *Bechtel* (the world's largest engineering and construction company with 15% interest); *The Williams Companies*, (an Oklahoma pipeline company and fertilizer producer with 27.5% interest); *Boeing*, (the world's largest plane builder with 15%; *Fluor*, (a big California based construction firm with 10% interest); and the nation's third largest life insurer, *Equitable Life Insurance Company* – with 5%.

Bechtel, to choose one example, has built the southwest power plants which use Peabody coal. Affiliated with Bechtel are Secretary of State George Shultz, Defence Secretary Casper Weinburger, two former CIA directors W. Kenneth Davis (a former Bechtel VIP, appointed by Reagan to the number two slot in the department of Energy), and a number of men who served in the Reagan campaign organisation.

Peabody is the nation's largest coal producer operating 48 in 12 states around the country. Peabody's surface (strip) and underground mines yield more than 60 million ton of coal/year. They have long ranked as the number one coal miner, producing between 10% and 12% of the US total.

Most of their coal is sold to utilities; their largest single customer is the Tennessee Valley Authority. Peabody claims that in a ranking of all suppliers of energy (oil, coal, gas and uranium) they would be placed sixty, measured in terms of BTU's produced in this country.

In the western states, where most of the mines are on federal lands, Peabody is the second largest leaseholder.

Mining is capital intensive, meaning it depends largely on machinery and equipment rather than people – this characteristic is reflected in Peabody's assets stated by *Fortune Magazine* to be 1.3 billion.

Write to Peabody Coal:
***Peabody Coal West. Div., 10375 E. Harvard Ave., Denver, Co. 80231 tel: 303 337 5903 or Peabody Coal Co., Arizona Div., 1300 S. Yale, Flagstone, AZ 86001 tel: 602 774 5253 or Peabody Coal Co. National NQ 301 N.Memorial Dr., St. Louis, MO 63102 tel: 314 342 3593.***

## CHILE REIGN OF TERROR



As we reported in a previous issue of *Black Flag*, a 48-hour general strike paralysed many parts of Chile at the beginning of July as part of a wave of recent protests against General Pinochet's murderous regime.

The official number of victims murdered by security forces over the 48-hour stoppage is now eight. The unofficial figure is around 12. The brutal murder of one of these victims – 19 year old Rodrigo Rojas – has caused international condemnation and has highlighted to what lengths Pinochet will go to silence opposition to his nazi-like dictatorship.

According to eye-witnesses, Rodrigo Rojas was out walking with some friends in Santiago on July 2nd. Without warning a passing truck full of soldiers opened fire on the group, causing them to scatter. One of the group, 18-year-old Carmen Quintana stumbled as they dispersed. When Rodrigo went to fetch her they were both caught by the soldiers, beaten until semi-conscious, sprayed with petrol and set alight.

After watching them burn alive the soldiers put out the flames by wrapping them in blankets. Half-dead, the two were then dumped in a ditch on the other side of Santiago. Rodrigo Rojas later died in hospital while Carmen Quintana is still in hospital, fighting for her life.




## THE MOQUI POACHERS

*The following are extracts from an article* The Cultural Thieves *written in* Science 1986 *July/August by Carol Ann Bassett.*

The plundering of ancient graves is becoming more frequent in south eastern Utah and elsewhere in the south west because of the profits to be made by selling the artifacts on the illegal market.

The looters have recently become more aggressive as the number of artifacts dwindles and the prices rise. Their real concern isn't being detained . . . it's more of a competition among commercial vandals as to who is going to get what first.

In South western New Mexico, for example, 90% of the classic Mimbres sites dating to around the 10th-11th century, have been looted or destroyed. In Southern west Colorado, 60% of the prehistoric Anasazi sites have been vandalised. In Arizona, 70% of the sites in national forests have been significantly damaged or destroyed. The target in Utah is tens of thousands of burial deposits in dry caves and on open land.

Most professional looters know exactly what to look for: finely woven blankets and elaborately painted pottery that they can sell to unscrupulous dealers, collectors and museums across the USA, in Europe, Japan and the Middle East. At $10,000 to $30,000 for some of the pieces, the incentive is high.

Increased recreation, as well as gas and oil exploitation in the region has opened up new roads, providing easy access to many ruins.

The Four Corners area is virtually synonymous with the San Juan Basin, a place of awesome beauty renowned for its wind-carved spires, red rock canyons and snow-capped peaks. It was in these canyons that the Anasazi flourished from around the first century up until the end of the 13th, when for reasons that are still unclear they abandoned their homeland in the San Juan Basin.

The Anasazi left behind a rich cultural legacy: tens of thousands of villages and towns with everything from cliff dwellings to large pueblos. Contained within these ruins are some of the most interesting and aesthetically appealing artifacts in the United States.

Around the seventh and eighth century they began cultivating and weaving cotton, making pottery and building pueblos. With controlled floodwater farming, the Anasazi raised corn, beans and squash.

The most visible remains of the Anasazi are the silent ruins scattered throughout the Southwest, which have attracted looters, since the first pioneers settled in the Four Corners region over a century ago. It was in the 1880s that the impactof modern meddling was first felt.

Not only were the settlers fascinated by the ruins but as word of a 'mysterious lost civilisation' spread across the continent and on to Europe, parasites began arriving in droves. Local ranchers had been quick to realise the commercial value of prehistoric artifacts. Before long they were making regular visits to sites in the Four Corners area, returning to their ranch with mule train after mule train loaded with artifacts. The arrival of the Mormons in 1912 led to further exploitation of the ruins, particularly in San Juan Country.


Anasazi Jug — 750 years old

In 1924, Andrew A. Kerr a Mormon archeologist, from the University of Utah made locals an offer of $2 for each Anasazi pot brought in.

### THE POACHERS AND THE HOPI

The macho piratical attitudes of the Moqui poachers are obhorrent to the Hopi people of northern Arizona – descendents of the Anasazi – who believe that the long abandoned ruins are the spiritual homes of their ancestors. Gentle, isolated and unaccustomed to modern ways, the Hopi people have been particularly vulnerable to Euro-greed.

Since before the turn of the century, for example, the prehistoric Hopi site of Sikyatki has been extensively looted for its sophisticated, abstractly designed pottery. In recent years the Moqui poachers have become even more dastardly, striking at the very heart of the Hopi religion itself. In 1978 the poachers broke into a shrine at the village of Shungapavi and stole the village's TALATUMSI – four ancient figures carved from cotton-wood roots that are used for rites of initiation into adult society.

So sacred are the TALATUMSI that most Hopi people refuse to speak about them. Because of the utterly racist attitude and total disregard for these people by most Euro-Americans, be they government, big business, farmers of Christian fanatics, the Hopi people are being smashed into the ground in nothing less than a genocidal manner. If other people stand back without opposing or even worse just ignoring what is happening in the American Southwest to these Native Americans then they are contributing to crime which will be on a par with what the Nazis and other Fascists did in Europe in the 1920 and 1930s. If the policies of the US government, big business, the Mormons and all the rest continue all traces of Native Americans will be eradicated from the history of the Earth.

*Moqui is a Hopi word meaning people who steal from the dead e.g. as in England 'grave-robbers'.

# INDUSTRIAL

## TNT - THE HEROIN CONNECTION

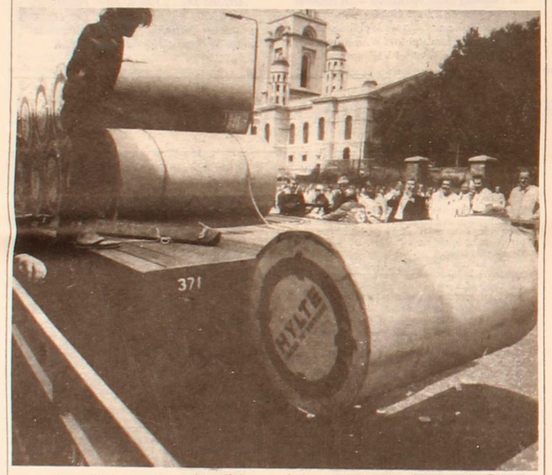
**Back in March *Black Flag* revealed the link between the scab haulage company TNT and Organised Crime. A few weeks later the story was lifted by the *Morning Star* and unattributed quotes from the original article were quoted on a television programme. The story was also reported elsewhere. Since then *Black Flag* has unearthed further details of this connection and has found a direct link between TNT and the world's biggest international drugs syndicate.**

In the original story we pointed out that Sir Peter Abeles, the Australian head of TNT was a close friend of Jimmy Frattiano, otherwise known as 'the Weasel'. Through Frattiano the TNT boss was able to control the Teamsters union in the US and prevent damaging strike action. Frattiano himself is now infamous as an informer, having secured the FBI with information about several underworld mafioso, among them members of the Gambino family. It was Frattiano and Gambino and associates who were pictured in the widely publicised backstage photo with Frank Sinatra which led to Sinatra coming under investigation.

During the period when Abeles maintained his relations with Frattiano and the West Coast Clan, Frattiano was working directly for Gambino. Gambino was then recognised as the undeposed 'Godfather' forming the US end of the Sicilian supply link bringing heroin and other drugs into the USA.

The Gambino Clan is also famous for its connections with the late Michele Sindona, the international banker who acted on behalf of mafia interests as well as making use of close contacts with the IOR Vatican Bank. During the post-War years it is thought that the greatest percentage of heroin coming into the States came in courtesy of the Gambinos. How the killer drug was moved around within the States would have depended upon the carrier system used. And just as trucks are commonly used to smuggle supplies across border routes, so there is no reason to suppose why they are not used also for stateside carriage. And with Abeles link to Frattiano (and Gambino) – never mind the association between the US boss of TNT Peter Thomson and Teamsters official and convicted mafioso, Rudy Tham – it is hard to believe that the TNT bosses were not reciprocating favours to their mafia friends by providing the sort of services they were expert at.

NB. We wonder what the readers of **News International** papers would think if they knew that Rupert Murdoch (NI's proprietor) was a majority shareholder in a company that had links with a major international drugs syndicate?




A huge roll of scab newsprint falls off the back of a lorry at the Wapping picket on July 23rd, helped by picketers. The day went well, with 3 marches from Tower Hill, the scab lorry being attacked and barricades of crowd barriers blocking the Highway at Glamis Road. A bus driver said he'd happily stay in the traffic jam all day, if necessary. Other drivers were jeered as they tried to run down people blocking the road. Just before the last march of the day from Tower Hill, there was an incident with plainclothes cops. They were mingling with the crowd to find people to serve summons on, for picketing. The cops were attacked and had a good licking before being hustled away by some stewards. More fighting broke out as cops moved in.

Pickets, marches and lightning attacks on scabs continue – for up-to-date news read *Picket*, weekly strike bulletin from c/o Housmans, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX.

## FLEET STREET

The two leading Tory newspapers – *The Daily Mail* catering for the low-brow business get-richers, and the *Daily Telegraph*, organ of the professional class, but rivals found themselves in competition for the same building, Sea Containers House. Both want to divorce themselves from their printworks to get production workers separated from clerical workers and so take advantage of Tory Party laws against 'secondary picketing', (by dividing themselves into two) since the clerical workers – including wages and switchboard staff – have become radicalised and could paralyse the plant, with composing and printing staff, in the event of disputes.

But the landlords, good true blue Tories though they were, put the price so high it became necessary for the *Mail* to take half and the *Telegraph* to take half. This however was unacceptable to the insurers. One had to be the superior lessee and act as landlord to the other. But which was to be which? After months of wrist-slapping and angry waving of purses, it was finally decided the *Mail* was to run the place and the *Telegraph* to be the tenant. The *Mail* went ahead and negotiated the deal (just like printers do) and suddenly lo and behold the landlords reneged (just like newspaper proprietors do). They had been gazumped! Mrs Thatcher's Tory Government had decided to grab Sea Containers House – money no object coming from the taxpayer's purse, for all the 'libertarian right' gumph – and left their two main supporters floundering. . . back where they started in a bid to look for somewhere cheap to rent after, in the *Telegraph's* case, selling their own freehold building. . . anything rather than share premises with their own (no, quite separate) company.

## NALGO PAY CLAIM

On 10 July 1986 the government and union representatives met to discuss the NALGO pay claim for the coming year. The employers refused to move in any way beyond their initial offer of 5.96% which had been overwhelmingly rejected by the rank and file of local government workers.

The employers made it clear from the beginning that they were not prepared to increase or amend the offer made on 2 July and were unwilling to continue negotiations. The union demands included a flat rate payment of a minimum £900pa and the abolition of the miscellaneous grade ½ low pay ghetto. The attitude of the government negotiators was 'we recognise your case but we think you will loose a national ballot over strike action'.

The union has called a national ballot which is to finish on 4 September and the need for an effective rank and file campaign is becoming clearer as ballot progresses, not only to ensure an overwhelming 'Yes' vote is achieved, but to win the argument among workers for an 'all out' campaign of industrial action and the withdrawal of co-operation from councillors as the only effective of winning, going beyond the tokenist 'three days in any one month' strikes that have been proposed by the union's executive and win support for the campaign by rank and file militants to change the unions constitution and force the executive to publish the figures of any strike ballot. Many union activists have realised that the union bureaucracy has 'miss timed'.

The claim preferring to have under taken the campaign last year when the government was in conflict with the teachers and it would have been possible to have withdrawn support in the local elections however one of the lessons that rank and file activists should have learnt from both the miners strike and the teachers dispute is that we must learn to develop the tactics and the organisations to conduct a prolonged and increasingly dirty campaign against the government.

Meanwhile in Lambeth the new leader replacing Ted Knight is Linda (if you're not Black, Jewish, Lesbian feminist you're racist, anti-semitic, homophobic and sexist, so you can't argue with me) Bellos. She has inherited 1,000 job vacancies which using the guise of positive discrimination for the disabled has kept them vacant saving the council five million pounds plus a year to balance the books. NALGOhas so far been towing the line with only NUPE, so far at least, fighting back after being told its members would get a 35 hour week (like NALGO members) only if they dropped their pay back 20 pounds per week by giving up 'London Weighting' Allowance for expenses of London). A joint claim by the rank and file of all the unions involved for a 'boredom weighting' is expected soon.

**Source: Burnley DAM-IWA & South London DAM**

## A-ONE FEEDS STRIKE

Workers at A-One Feeds, the Liverpool stock food company have been on strike since 10th January when they withdrew their labour because of the victimisation of two workers who were dismissed. Two days after, the management informed them that the whole workforce was sacked. (See *Black Flag* no. 152)

At present, seven strikers are still out. The company offices were occupied for two days, two weeks ago. Police sabotaged the efforts to get food to the occupiers by stealing it and feeding it to a guard dog. In the end the occupiers came out due to hunger and the need for legal advice.

The strikers spirits are high and they want to stay out. They've been encouraged by lots of support from rank and file dockers.

On the negative side, local unemployed centres have given the strikers *bills* for food supplied and taxi fares! Kirkby unemployed centre tried to get control of the strike funds, which the strikers want to keep control of themselves.

Police have a 24 hour presence, even though the pickets are only there for 12 hours, at present. Andrew Simpson Snr., the company chairman, is rumoured to be related to Heseltine, and therefore has influence to keep a permanent presence of officers, and a riot van.

A local TGWU official, Tony Hayes, who is involved with the dispute, but who is not the official for the strikers, has a reputation for giving the 'kiss of death to strikes, e.g. a Schweppes dispute.

The company has spent approximately £20,000 on Wapping style barbed wire which surrounds the plant.

**Source: Liverpool & South London DAM**

## MAXWELL AND PURNELLS

Workers at the Purnells Printing plant have been on strike for 18 weeks now. They were originally sacked after complying with an NGA union directive to boycott a product at the plant which missed out part of the printing process. By taking this action they broke their own contracts and were sacked by Robert Maxwell who owns the plant. Once the 180 were sacked Maxwell closed down the plant and moved the work to other plants he owns. The plant has already been reduced from 2,000 to 500 workers in two years. The only way to win the dispute is to attack the other parts of the Maxwell Empire that are being used to carry out the Purnells work, these are:

**Carlisle Web Offset, Carlisle.**
**Petties, Leeds.**
**Cromer Works, Nottingham.**
**Sunodhams, Watford.**

The strikers expressed the idea that Maxwell was playing each group of workers off against the others. Once the Purnells dispute was over and he had achieved the cuts he would move work fromother plants to the Purnells and thus reduce the workforce at the others. Workers at the other plants are NGA members but are not being informed of the scab work they are doing or the fact that they could be next.

In the 18 weeks of the strike Tony Dubbins the NGA President has only been down for an hour and a half. The strikers now feel like they have been tricked into losing their jobs and wish they had listened to their own kind rather than Union bureaucrats who urged the pretty pointless boycott in the first place.

The products the Purnells workers printed were : *Readers Digest; Womans Realm, Woman; Radio Times; Thomsons Catalogues* etc.

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# LETTERS PAGE

## FRANCE

*Dear Friends,*

I hereby inform you that an enormous amount of Commonwealth and third-world citizens have suffered racially prejudiced trials here in France, and are usually condemned to heavier sentences than French people in cases of the same nature. Must such things be expected in a country that fancied itself as the 'cradle of liberty'?

The French ideology in terms of equality and human rights is the most outrageous propaganda to humanity. The hypocritical policy which is masquerading as the 'light of humanity' often brings heartaches to families.

Commonwealth and thirdworld citizens then find themselves with the uphill task of not having someone that they could turn to for help and advice. Moreover, the language in some cases is a barrier, and the winter weather is always a disadvantage to many.

It is written, according to French Law, that prisoners could have the right to parole and conditional freedom, after serving half of their sentences. However I must let you know that prisoners of 'foreign nationality' and particularly those that are in this 'Prison of Poissy', that are serving a sentence of five years and more do not seem to have the benefit of such law. I spoke to the Commonwealth Secretary General, Mr. S.S. Ramphal about a month ago, and I look forward to something positive for us all.

I stressed, that it will be appreciated if he, in his capacity as Secretary General of the Commonwealth, will agree to influence thirdworld and commonwealth leaders, to form a special delegation to investigate, and negotiate for the release of their citizens that have already served half of their sentences in French jails.

It will be the most hopeless and laziest philosophy, if he says he isn't responsible for the presence of us in French prisons. We must not forget that the blood of our people was shed to rescue the French from the German occupation of their territory during the Second World War.

Yours faithfully,
*R. Weiner.*

*Comment:* From our experience you and your fellow hostages of the French state may find such bureaucrats hopeless and lazy indeed. Good luck, keep us informed.

### LATE NEWS

At Llanelli in Wales cops tried to arrest a local youth for criminal damage and were set upon by furious locals, several hundred strong. 4 cops were hurt and 9 people arrested.

After 14 drillers were dismissed, their 300 workmates occupied the world's largest gas platform off the North West Australian coast. Blocking off helicopter pad and supplies to the mainland has left cops and company officials unable to dictate terms as we go to press.

Meanwhile the latest budget from the ruling Labour Government will stir up the flames of industrial discontent that are sparking off already.

At Toulon on the French Mediterranean, 4 racists blew themselves up in their car while preparing a bomb to be put in the local immigrant area. Several racist attacks have already been taking place in the region. Last year 2 racists blew themselves up in a Paris carpark as they prepared a bomb. Master race?

NIREX have been prevented from testing for potential nuclear waste sites by locals forming blockades at Fulbeck in Lincolnshire; East Halton near Grimsby; Elstow in Bedfordshire and at Killingholme in Humberside. Sabotage of any engineering work has been promised if Courts prevent further blockades.

During the Wackersdorf, West Germany anti-nuclear protests reported previously not only did a man die from an asthma attack brought on by cops using CS gas, but also a woman in her 70s after being knocked down twice by a policeman. Pensioners were active collecting stones to be hurled by 'autonomists' and even got a dozen walkie-talkies from cops.

## ENGLAND

*Dear Black Flag,*

Just in case you may not have heard that the two French secret service agents who murdered *Greenpeace* photographer Fernando Pereira (a crewman of the *Rainbow Warrior* when it was bombed in Auckland harbour) were at first regarded as 'terrorists' but now seem to be seen by Detective Superintendent Alan Galbraith who headed the investigations as merely 'saboteurs'. The Det. Super. said that the term 'terrorist' was usually applied to: *'people who hijacked aircraft or killed indiscriminately. . . I don't put them in that category. . . I feel that they in fact were military officers carrying out a sabotage mission.'*

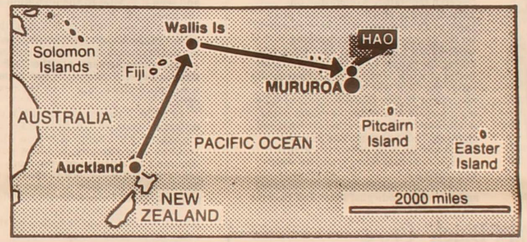
These sanitised and redefined French agents (who still collected wages from French state security forces, whose historical sympathies have always been with extreme right-wing causes and their strategies) are, after a bit of public uproar in New Zealand, being shipped out to a tropical island east of Tahiti for something like 7 million dollars worth of NZ butter and wool the French Govt. had initially embargoed.

Its interesting to note well that when the Red Army Fraction eliminated Karl Heinz Bechurts, a senior executive of the **Siemens** corporation and collaborator with the US Strategic Defence Initiative, these actions and similar Western European left-wing urban guerrilla activities are regarded as 'cold-blooded murder' and 'terrorist attacks'. Also when left-wing urban guerrillas in Western Europe are captured by respective state security forces they are either shot outright, killed in prison or after a trial of sorts buried alive in concrete prisons similar to Moabit and Stammheim. No tropical islands here is there?

Its obvious that this particular contradiction basically points to the underlying allegiences of various state security forces throughout the world. An attack on the **Greenpeace** ship doesn't exactly challenge the State. The complicity of Government security forces to either ignore the atrocities of the far right or at best go soft on them when found out, has as an example in Australia, the activities of the right-wing Ustashi organisation which carried out its business in the late 1960's right under the noses of Special Branch and ASIO, until it was too obvious to hide. The dubious history of Italian state security forces in the early 1970's as has been investigated by *Black Flag* and documented in various publications is another classic example of this complicity.

When Chancellor Helmut Kohl condems the Red Army Fraction as 'yet a another challenge to our democracy' he perpetuates a doublethink in the Orwellian sense. One need only replace the word 'democracy' with 'State' and the meaning is all too clear.

Love & Revolution,
*J. D.*




**The agent's journey from NZ. The Air Force plane could have turned back.**

## SCOTLAND

*Hello,*

Peace camps in general and Greenham in particular seem to be in a state of demise. The arrival of Cruise missiles sealed their fate given the tactics employed. From the setting up of Greenham peace campaigners pointed it out as a supreme example, the symbol of our opposition to Cruise, we flocked by the thousands to get arrested at our local peacecamp. Flocked away from the cities and class struggle – our biggest mistake. The authorities were quite happy to pick us up off country lanes. Policemen got overtime for soft work, newspapers got headlines, no trouble. Yet all the time the correct tactic lay back home in the town. The Vancouver 5 showed us the way. Hit the bastards who are making money out of the operation. Make the contractors feel there's too much risk involved and bobs your uncle. Instead of thousands upon thousands getting arrested for little or no purpose people could have been putting their energies into something much more useful and if careful got away with it.

However the bastards are now getting us prepared to accept Trident, at Faslane Maybe its arrival will pick up the peace movement again, lets show an alternative Faslane peace camp have produced a list of contractors already involved in the work, there's all the old favourites: **TNT, Tarmac**. . . send a SAE for your hit list. Write c/o:

*Boomtown Books,*
*167 King Street, Aberdeen. Scotland*

### ALF REPLIES. . .

*Dear Black Flag,*

*In your May 26th edition you reported the damage to five trucks in a truck park at Wallington as being related to the Wapping dispute. In fact the six (not five) trucks, which were damaged by incendiary devices at Wallington on May 5, belonged to the Allders department store and the attack was part of a campaign by the Animal Liberation Front to force Allders to get rid of the fur dept. at their Croydon store.*

*After a year of ALF attacks on Allders' property, they have finally announced that the fur dept. is to close. Another success for direct action!*

*Best wishes,*
*R.*

## USA - NEWKILLER POWER

*Dear* Black Flag,

*I really enjoyed the No.155 issue of* Black Flag, *especially the Chernobyl article. You ran an article about the nuclear reactors at Hanford, Washington and the people of the 'Tri-Cities' of Kennewick, Pasco and Richland that are home to most of Hanfords' workers. Hanfords' sister-reactor to Chernobyl was started up last week despite the widespread protest of the people who live along the Columbia River, from which the N-Reactor at Hanford draws its cooling water. The N-Reactor is a graphite-core facility, like Chernobyl, and also like Chernobyl, has no 'containment' building. These reactors were built in an earlier style, before the anti-nuke movement forced nuclear engineers to seriously consider what would happen should the unthinkable million-to-one accident occur. The N-Reactor was built with a 'confinement' building, a structure designed to contain some minor accident, such as a valve leakage or a water overflow. An explosion such as occurred at Chernobyl would destroy the facility and release untold millions of rems of radiation into the environment including the Columbia which serves scores of towns and several downstream from Hanford.*

| N-Reactor at Hanford | Chernobyl Reactor |
|---|---|
| Dueal Purpose: produces electricity and plutonium for military use | Dual purpose: generates electricity and produces plutonium for military use. |
| Graphite core: 1,800tonnes | Graphic core: 1700 tonnes |
| Fueled by low-enriched uranium: 365 tons when fully loaded | Fuel by low-enriched uranium: estimated 100-200 when fully loaded |
| Cooled by ordinary water | Cooled by ordinary water |
| Electric generating capacity: 860 megawatts | Electric generating capacity: 1,000 megawatts |
| Confinement building to withstand 5 psi overpressure | Containment building to withstand 27 psi overpressure; additional confinement structure. |

*The consensus of the residents is that (1) we don't need the generating power or electricity N-Reactor produces at this time, (2) the DOE (Department of Energy) (newspeak for the old Nuclear Regulatory Commission) has not yet figured out a way of disposing of military nuclear wastes already stored at Hanford, so we sure don't need to be creating any* more *and (3) the plutonium produced is a deadly poison and has absolutely no earthly use except to fuel Mr Reagans' massive nuclear weapons build-up in the form of bomb fuses and missile warheads. It's not as if they didn't have enough of the damned things to murder everyone on Earth about fifty times over.*

*In spite of the fact that the US government is continuing to test nuclear weapons underground, the Soviet Union has extended its test ban til August 6th, the anniversary date of the bombing of Hiroshima Japan in 1945. The city of Nagasaki was bombed the next day on the 7th. This will make a year that the Soviets have not tested. In an even more unusual development, the Soviets have agreed, in writing, to allow US scientists presence at US tests. This is a breakthrough because it is the first time the Soviets have expressed readiness to carry out a specific plan for on-site inspection of nuclear testing. Under this plan the US would have three testing monitor sites in the USSR, and the Soviets would have three in Nevada, USA. While the dinosaurs lumber around in the dark trying to avoid extinction, the rest of us wait and hope neither of themstumbles, setting off the conflagration that will consume all of us. NOTE: the wonderful Soviet Union, while acting so beneficient about their fucking underground test bans is still planning more . . . no to both sides! No more state murder machines!*

*In an unrelated report, a local minister returned from a trip to El Salvador and reports that the suffering of the Salvadoran people has escalated. The US government recently gave the government of El Salvador $513 million dollars worth of aid (mixed between 'economic' and military). As a result, the bombing of rebel-held zones has increased a nd an estimated 2,000 schools have been destroyed by aerial bombing (apparently this has something to do with the schools being near easily located map co-ordinates such as crossroads, village centres, etc.) Refugee camps outside the capital city San Salvador are growing daily. Right-wing death squads are again operating with impunity and military units are apparently uncontrolled by the central government continue to arrest without warrant, kidnap, interrogate with torture and murder teachers, students, rural health personnel, labour leaders and others considered troublesome to the Duarte regime. Mr. Duartes' talk of peace with the guerrillas is forgotten. The economy is nearly bankrupt, the currency devalued, food prices are way up, wages are falling further and further and consumer goods in short supply. Duartes' government has not prosecuted a single Army officers for the estimated 60,000 murders and 5,000 disappearances in El Salvador in the last six years. Once the* Time and Nation *reporters leave El Salvador it is back to Business As Usual.*

*I guess that's about it.*
**Bill Krayci**
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# SPAIN

## NEWS FROM BARCELONA

The events organised here by the CNT-AIT (anarcho-syndicalist organisation—to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Spanish revolution are now over. These include two exhibitions, a series of videos, and a series of discussions in the Via Layetana on various aspects of the revolution (the collectives, health care and hospital organisation along anarchist lines, the dismantling of the revolution and the party played in it by the Catalan government, anarchist education in 1936, among other themes). There were to have been three showings of archive films on Barcelona's main boulevard the Ramblas, followed by a rally, but all of this was banned by the Barcelona Town Council on the grounds that a large concentration of people would cause the Ramblas (which support half a million people walking along them every day, at a reasonable guess) would collapse.

The discussions and rally (which affiliates of both the DAM (anarcho-syndicalists in Britain) and Class War were at them, and their views will probably turn up either in **Black Flag** or their own papers. While all this commemorating was going on, a bit of good news came through from Madrid, in that the court order declaring the CNT-AIT a phony organisation and giving the patrimony rights to the minority 'split' in the CNT (here called the *CNT de Catalunya*) was declared null and void by the Supreme Court. This means that as regards the final decision over which is the genuine CNT, everyone is now back where they started. (see earlier *Black Flags* for news of the original court order and its importance).




One thing I did manage to get to was the exhibition 'Anarchism and the Civil War' at the medieval Casa de l'Ardiaca. This was organised by an independant organisation, *l'Arxiu de Barcelona*, and consisted mainly in collections of documents, pamphlets, papers, memorabilia, and posters from the time of Spain's anarchist revolution. More than any kind of historical commentary, these gave an objective and convincing insight into life in Barcelona at the time. Interesting details included originals of press passes handed out by the CNT to foreign journalists, dozens of objects – from book matches to combs printed or died red-and-black (to indicate they were made in collectivised workshops and factories), photos of medical research laboratories operating on anarcho-syndicalist lines, picture post-cards of Durruti and Ascarso, pamphlets on sex education, posters warning workers not to drink too much, memos asking for people to organise themselves better at work, a copy of the *Vanguardia* (after the Civil War, a daily paper equivalent to *The Daily Telegraph*) showing a picture of a woman's prison being demolished before cheering crowds, and childrens' books promoting atheism which had on their covers drawings of innocent cherubs being stung by wasp-like priests.

The exhibition showed how anarchist and anarcho-syndicalist ideas had become




universal in Barcelona, affecting all aspects of life. Anarchism then not only had enough popular support to fulfil one of its longest held aims (that of collectivising the farms and factories, and tailoring production to need not profit), but so much popular support it found itself, in one degree or another, involved in everything belonging to culture too (*culture* in the Spanish sense of the word, meaning all those aspects of life which affect the development and self-expression of the individual, or, if you prefer, everying which is *not* to do directly with work). Spanish anarchists (perhaps all anarchists?) have always stressed the importance of culture, and seen it as vital to the liberation of the individual. Now that anarchists seem to be in a minority in Spain, this aspect of their ideas isn't emphasised much (Francesca Posa tried to introduce a cultural supplement into the CNT Catalan paper *Solidaridid Obrera*, but it was promptly scrapped by the next editor).

In 1936, however, the situation was different. Thus we find booklets explaining exactly what happens to you when you lose your virginity, and how you shouldn't be ashamed of your body (quite a cultural advance in thirties Spain); also catalogues of famous paintings saved from bombed buildings by the CNT, also two daily papers printed in the Catalan language by the FAI (not nationalist papers by any means, but simply papers reflecting the cultural reality of Catalonia, which is a bi-lingual area), and collections of popular thrillers and popular weekly magazines, printed by collectivised workshops. There was also evidence of cultural collaboration (a pooling of skills and information to produce certain scientific and cultural manuals) with other groups, such as the socialist UGT union and the Catalan government – (this has nothing to do with the later political collaborations and happened in the early stages of the war). And so and so on.

Most revolutions have failed dismally on the cultural level, in that their love of dogma had led to censorship and usually to the witch-hunting of any person or group trying to promote individual development, or to produce something which is just a touch too imaginative for the 'New Era'. In fact most revolutions can's even come up with a bit of good easy reading or an entertaining play. This doesn't seem to have been the case in revolutionary Barcelona at all, where the theatrical equivalent of soap operas were plentiful, and you could get thrillers at your local collectivised bookshop. More 'serious' art was, of course, also available. Even satirical magazines (like the *Esquella de la la Torratxa*, a kind of Catalan *Private Eye*, which slagged off everyone in Catalan society, including the CNT) were never censored 'under' anarchism. In sort, the exhibition gave the impression that the Spanish Revolution allowed full scope to Barcelonan culture; it was tolerant and pluralist, (admittedly after the priests and bosses had fled or been shot, but those groups didn't just have the anarchists after them, almost everyone else wanted a go at them too). It stressed self-development rather than spoon-feeding dogma (though it probably did a bit of that too), and respected those factors in Barcelonan society which didn't fit in perfectly with anarchist idealism (such as the existence of the Catalan language, which anarchists like Ferrer saw as an obstacle to internationalism). It allowed the practical side of anarchism to flourish (hence the rapid collectivisations distribution set-ups, the immediate quite formation of armed columns, and, on the cultural front, the attempts to get rid of the centuries of sexual and cultural ignorance fostered by the Catholci Church). It made it possible for any citizen of Barcelona to dine cheaply at the Ritz, as it launched the biggest self-managed economy ever seen in Western Europe.

Despite certain puritanical elements in its ideology, it accepted people's right to have a good time – yes, even in the middle of a revolution – and preferred to advise rather than prohibit (attempts to eradicate prostitution in Barcelona on the grounds that love was now 'free' wasn't very successful; one brothel got rid of its pimps, collectivised itself, and applied for affiliation to the CNT). Last but not least, it showed an ability to laugh at itself when necessary – this is one conclusion which can't fail to be drawn from conversations with people who were around at the time when they reminisce about the period, or from certain sections of film footage. People's attitude to the absurdities and discrepancies which arise in any revolutionary situation wasn't the hypocritical self-examination of the communists or the furious cover-up of the fascists, but it was simply to laugh, to accept the mistake. There are moments when this can be macabre (for example at one stage a CNT commando found an old well-dressed German gentleman with spectacles in a house outside Barcelona; they were about to take him off to be shot, taking him for a fascist boss, before somebody recognised him – it turned out to be Max Nettlau, the greatest historian of the anarchist movement; I imagine they had a good laugh about it afterwards), but in general, a sense of humour was a necessary attribute of Spanish anarchism.

One example of this was shown in a video taken from the Granada series about the Spanish Civil War, (which the exhibition's organisers ran every afternoon): a CNT militiawoman is being filmed in her foxhole by some Spanish reporter; immediately she stands up straight and does her best to look right for the camera (determined expression, courageous look, and all that); meanwhile her boyfriend, who is in the same foxhole, starts knocking her red-and-black cap over her face, surprises her, then she gives him a rabbit punch and the two of them end up giggling and hugging, sideglancing at the camera with one of those why-don't-you-piss-off-now expressions. . . anyway, there you have one tiny example of what I mean. All in all, the exhibition gave the impression that there was remarkably little bullshit going on in Barcelona, at the time of the revolution. (Incidentally, it was interesting following the audience's reaction when the videos were shown. One woman, as soon as the episode about anarchist achievements came on, walked out in disgust sneering at the audeince with the evident implication that *she* for one, wasn't going to be duped by this anarchist propaganda; she didn't seem to realise the video was made by British commercial TV. When the clip showed the Ritz collectivised came on, there were shouts of *'That's* what I call democracy' and when the old columnists of the times were interviewed – mumbling deviously about their sudden rise to power was because the people of Barcelona developed a sudden respect for law and order in 1937 – there were boos and hisses. and cries of 'What a cheek! *What* a cheek!')

Source: MT Barcelona July 1986

### Anarchist Black Cross

## ROBERT & TOMEK

Robert Chechlacz and Tomasz Lupanov are two young Polish men who were sentenced to long prison terms for having accidentally killed a militiaman while trying to disarm him shortly after the declaration of the State of War in Poland.

The two had tried to organise an armed resistance to the military dictatorship. They formed into a clandestine group and disarmed two soldiers. Their intention was to obtain some weapons and set free the members of Solidarnosc kept in Bialileka Jail (see ***Black Flag*** 157.85).

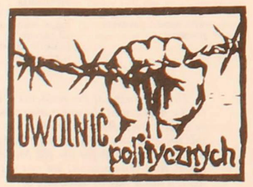
On February 18, 1982 they accidentally wounded Sergeant Karos while trying to take his weapon from him. Karos died days later in the hospital.

Robert and Tomek were arrested on March 4th 1982 and sentenced on September 8th 1982 after having been interrogated and tortured. Robert was given 25 years and Tomek was given 13. Two other members of their group, Stanislaw Matejczuk and Sylvester Zych, have each been sentenced to six years in prison.

Recently, members of the Friends of Robert and Tomek support group met the families of the prisoners. They obtained the following details on their present situation:

- Robert and Tomek are forced to work eight hours per day in gaol, producing mechanical components.
- The mail addressed directly to the prisoners no longer reaches them.
- Their health is deteriorating due to chronic malnutrition.
- Tomek goes to evening class and is on the verge of taking the equivalent of his 'A' levels. Robert is deprived of this right. Classified as a 'dangerous' detainee, he is subject to special surveillance. The penitentiary administration says that there is not enough staff to watch over Robert during the evening classes. Robert would like to learn information processing and he would be allowed to have a computer in his cell. The Friends of Robert and Tomek would like donations to help fund the purchase of such a computer. It will be delivered to him by his family.

A whole information file about Robert and Tomek, as well as postcards, tracks and posters are available from *Les Amis*, and they also give material and moral aid to the families of the prisoners, (all material in French). *FRANCE: Les Amis De Robert et Tomek – BP 4-93 301, Aubervilliers, CEDEX, France. Financial Support: Les Amis de Robert et Tomek, CCP6 603 83 N. Paris. France.*




*A campaign on behalf of Robert and Tomek is being organised in England and in Canada as well.*
*ENGLAND: BM Wild, London WC1N 3XX*
*Canada: Polish Workers Solidarity Committee, PO Box 284, Main Station, St Catherine, Ontario L2R 6T6, Canada.*

### ABERDEEN BLACK CROSS

Anarchists in Aberdeen, Scotland are organising Anarchist Black Cross prisoners aid and want local supporters and dontations for this work.

Could other ABC's send them best wishes too please.

*ABC: Boomtown Books, 167 King Street, Aberdeen, Scotland.*



# COMMENT

## INVESTIGATION

**Gerry Gable – TV researcher, *Searchlight* editor and State agent – is proving to be an embarrassment to his occasional employer MI5, especially in the context of the scandals surrounding Peter Wright (former MI5 agent, now in Australia, whose revelations on some of the dirtier aspects of the British Security Service are the subject of censorship), as well as the cock-ups by Gable himself in the way he has allowed his position to come under scrutiny from investigative journalists and the anarchist press. We believe that MI5 might be keen to rubbish him in order to rid themselves of this tiresome connection.**

**Gable's most recent faux pas was his handling of a TV investigation into a minor civil servant's alleged dealings with a Czech agent (see *Black Flag no. 156).* According to the *New Statesman* the producers of the programme have now admitted that in their opinion the police refused to prosecute the civil servant, Brian Gentleman, because MI5 had intervened to ensure that their incompetence would be covered up'.**

The accusations made against Gentleman were patently absurd from the very beginning and the result of a more than obvious frame-up – but a frame-up against who, Gentleman (whose innocence was quickly revealed) or Gable (who has been discredited by the affair since it was reported on in the national press)? And if the real target of the frame-up was Gable and not Gentleman, was the frame-up sanctioned or even initiated by MI5 (to whom he reports)? Also, are MI5 using the mud-slinging that has been directed against Gable in recent months to in fact have a go at *Searchlight* (the respected anti-fascist paper which Gable has used as a means to build up his own credibility and lately, as a base to launch attacks on those sections of the anti-fascist movement – namely the anarchists – who are also anti-state)?

That the team of the TV programme, *20/20 Vision*, which investigated Gentleman had actually handed over a file, summarising their investigations, to Scotland Yard indicates that they (including Gable) genuinely, and naievely, believed in Gentlemen's guilt. Because the frame-up was so obvious and because blame would automatically fall on the programmes chief researcher, Gerry Gable, who was instrumental in conjuring up the allegations, it is not difficult to speculate the Gable may have indeed been the real target. This complicity of Gable in the frame-up was also covered by *Sunday Times* reporters, who had been tipped off about Gable's central role by their contacts in the Yard.

The other figure central to the attempted frame-up of Gentleman (and Gable?), Derek Donaldson, was the only source of evidence against Gentleman, and who himself is known to have passed on information to the Czechs. Indeed Donaldson is known to have frequented espionage circles for some time, buying and selling information for mercenary (monetary) reasons. In this he has something in common with Gable. As reported on previous occasions in the anarchist press, Gable began his espionage work many years back, first as an an election agent for a CP official, then specialising in 'black bag' jobs (breaking and entering to expropriate information, some of which was passed on to the police), and finally by building up a respectable position for himself in leftist/investigative circles in order to capitalise on the information exchange business into which he had constructed a cozy little niche. It was on this basis that *Searchlight*, under his direction, was able to get information on the extreme right – through a combination (fusion) of straightforward detective work, the setting up of infiltrators, the paying off of moles, the simple purchase of information, break-ins, as well as exchange deals with Special Branch.

Donaldson, who according to the *New Statesman* had previously been involved in acts of extortion and blackmail (also used by Gable against rightists), was the agent provocateur used to set Gentleman up in the first place. Donaldson is now on the run, wanted for a string of offences including fraud and sex with minors. Whether blackmail techniques were also used to force Gentlemen to sign an alleged 'confession' is not known since part of the tape recording of the 'confession' has been withheld by the *20/20 Vision* team. Gentleman has admitted, however, the Gable used interviewing techniques similar to interrogation techniques employed by the police. According to the *New Statesman* Gentleman stated that Gable '. . . got me to admit things that I knew couldn't possibly have happened. He was clever at that'. What also comes out in the *New Statesman* investigation is that Gentleman himself is not only a very simple, naieve person, capable of being tricked, but is possibly prone to delusions of his own importance, making him an ideal target for a frame-up. Gentleman enjoyed being the centre of attention, making it all that more easier for his interrogators to have their way.

The crucial question behind the whole conspiracy is who, (or which organisation) was behind it in the first place? Was it Donaldson (acting on purely mercenary grounds), or Gable (who smelled a good story)? Or did, in fact Gentleman lead them on himself, in that he was a publicity-seeker?

Given also that Gable is no beginner, it is unlikely that he was taken in by Donaldson, who he knew to be crooked, or by the simple-minded Gentleman. But if he had been convinced early on in the investigations by his contacts in MI5 that the allegations were genuine, then his own reservations about Gentleman's innocence may well have been cancelled out. It is also certain that Gable does not cover any serious campaign, especially one that it to receive TV air-time, without first checking his facts with his benefactors in State Security. They, in turn, are hardly likely to allow one of their agents to publicly make a fool of themselves. Unless, of course, they have a reasons to. And those reasons have been stated above.

Nor is this the only time, in recent months, where Gable has made himself look foolish. His allegations about an MP, tied in with a security firm, conspiring to have him assassinated (see *Black Flag* no.155) came to naught. Again, he is not the sort of person to make such serious allegations up – he has a reputation to protect – but he was led to believe they were true, and those beliefs were then confirmed by his friends in MI5, then he would have the strength of conviction to go public with them. To this extent he was even encouraged to get the allegations aired in parliament and to make a direct appeal to the Prime Minister for his personal intervention in the matter. The story was by no means fictional – there were indeed people involved in surveillance, and there was a security firm involved; Gable has many enemies on the right, including the establishment right, especially those in the Tory Party who have clandestine dealings with the various neo-fascist groups and whohave their reputation to see to. These people would never have got away with murdering Gable, if that is what they were really contemplating, if only because of Gable's dealings with MI5 and his relationship with Special Branch. Nor, could it be argued, would they have been allowed to, because of the embarrassment such an action would bring to the Tory Party.

The 'murder conspiracy' allegation had all the ingredients of fact, and not fiction, to back it up. But it got nowhere because, like the Gentleman enquiry, of MI5's intervention. The whole conspiracy was nipped in the bud, but not before Gable was allowed to go to press with it and so, initially, get some publicity from it. But was it the sort of attention that caused him, finally, any good? Or was it, like the blunder over the Gentleman affair, an indication that his days, as far as MI5 are concerned, are indeed numbered?

N.B. In the latest issue of *Searchlight* it is admitted that Gable has influence with state security in Austria (and presumably other countries too), when he arranged the detention of some fascists there.

### SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION

**Curiously the Fleet Street reporter, Barry Penrose, who first exposed Gable's role in the frame-up of Gentleman, missed out a Gable connection on a much earlier investigation Penrose was involved with, namely the Pencourt File. The File was published at the direction of the then prime minister, Harold Wilson, who was worried about MI5 activity against him and suspected, too, the involvement of BOSS (South African Intelligence) in a dirty tricks campaign aimed at the undermining of the Labour Party, the Liberals, and the Tory 'left', then headed by Heath. One of the many organisations BOSS had infiltrated, and in fact were part funding, was the Foreign Affairs Research Institute, a thank-tank that included on its board Brian Crozier (of the CIA-funded Centre for Conflict Studies) and Robert Moss (another CIA stooge, and now of the Freedom Association.) FARI was set up by Tory MP, Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, and led the way on preparing a change (now come to fruition) in foreign policy for the Tory Party in advance of the Thatcher leadership; it also kept relations with Pretoria smooth through the Heath Callaghan and Heath years.**

**In a document published by *Anarchy Magazine* Gerry Gable, in his position as a London Weekend Television researcher, refers to one of his information sources as FARI (he refers to other sources as British and French Intelligence, Israeli Intelligence, and German and US Intelligence). FARI, which pulishes far-right material in conjuction with the East West Institute, is a pro-Reaganite propaganda group that helps coordinate the affairs of the Coalition for Peace Through Security. FARI is still one of the lynch-pins coordinating intelligence links between South African intelligence and US and UK intelligence, especially in the drive against communism, and in particular on the war against Angola and the campaigns against Mozambique. It acts as a non-official forum for a co-ordinating body on policy matters on maintaining capitalist rule in South Africa.**

## OFFICIAL SECRETS

All states have things to hide, 'in the interests of national security'. Because if half of their lies could come to light, even the most apathetic would be moved to rebel. Thus we have official secrets, a fortified cupboard for their skeletons.

However some of these 'secrets' (like a kid's game isn't it) have found their way into my hands to be printed openly, defying them to try and prosecute me for this. Looking at them it is small wonder they wish to keep them quiet.

1. **During the Falklands war, US oberen-class submarines recovered British nuclear depth charges from the seabed where HMS Sheffield and HMS Exeter were sunk.**
2. **Many other nuclear payloads were transported to the Falklands, where, incidentally an American carrier stood by for salvage operations (ie nuclear).**
3. **Fragmentation bombs were actually used during Reagan's raid on Tripoli and Benghazi (hardly pinpoint bombing amongst civilian centres). However F1-11s so armed didn't fly from Upper Heyford or Lakenhealth, but from USAF Malaga in Spain. Also on this subject, why were the F1-11s used at all when German Tomeats capable of pinpoint bombings, sat in the Gay of Sirte. Because contrary to Lord Charrington's assurances, Reagan was attempting to make the Libyan raid into a NATO operation.**
4. **The US had plans for the invasion of Libya, where it sent 30 Hercules and Starfighter transporters carrying sections of the US rapid deployment personnel, to act as backup to the air-raids.**
5. **Last year a service man at USAF Chicksands played a training tape during Operation Lionheart portraying a Russian nuclear strike on NATO. Not realising this was just a training tape, Reagan was ushered out of bed, off to 'Looking Glass', his doomsday flying HQ. And then one of the General Haig's 'demonstration shots' was fired at the USSR. Fortunately the mistake was realised and it was aborted over the North Sea. The USAF Checksands Commander Goff and two personnel under him were sacked for the incident.**

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## LATE NEWS

### ST. PAULS Tuesday 29th July:

About 4.00pm 2 cops stop a car along Grosvenor Rd, St. Pauls Bristol. They try hassling the driver for failure to display a tax disc. The driver begins to resist being arrested and about thirty people come out of the neighbouring houses. Two more cop cars arrive (6 cops in all) and begin to wrestle with the driver. The small crowd begins to shout abuse, spit at the cops and kick the cop cars. 2 more panda cars arrive and the crowd grows to 100 people. The crowd attacks the cop cars in earnest whilst the cops force the driver into another car (4 to hold him down). They try to drive off with him, but a kid defiantly stands in front of the car and kicks its lights in. The car does eventually escape. The crowd then sets about the remaining coppers (6 in all, the crowd now 150). They retreat down the road. The chief police officer gets punched in the face and as a young cop picks up his hat an old woman whacks him over the head with a mop. Bottles and bricks begin to fly and the cops try running, the crowd pursuing cheering and jeering. Transit reinforcements are called in but they don't dare go down 'thefront line'. Instead they wait in a nearby square. 6 cops injured, 2 bitten and 4 hit by brix and bottles and mop!

*SOURCE: Bristol Class War.*

### QUEBEC – FORKED JUSTICE

Henri Marchessault, former head of the Montreal narcotics squad, is presently doing a 14-year term for trafficking in illegal substances. A video camera placed in the vault in which seized drugs are kept at the copshop had observed Marchessault sneaking in and helping himself; he was later busted while he was making a deal in a parking lot.

After serving a year and a half of his 14 year term, Marchessault is free (well almost). He is one of twenty prisoners who are part of a 'foster home' rehabilitation program, in which specially-screened families are paid a daily rate to provide a room and board to prisoners. Although the very limited number of prisoners involved in the program can be explained by the prison bureaucracy's expansionist nature and its desire to keep a firm grip on its prey, whay has a cop been singled out for preferential treatment one might ask? Well, Anne Lebel of the Solicitor General's office beamingly explains, 'His exemplary behavior in prison made him a perfect candidate for the program.'

This can be contrasted with the treatment of native prisoners, for example, who usually do full terms and on occasion extra time as well.

### OLDHAM 9 DEFENCE CAMP AIGN – Bradford Support Group

On the 19 July an anti-fascist rally was called in Oldham to protest against a proposed demonstration by the National Front. The front has previously stated their intention to attack Black areas within within the town, and over the law few months attacks on mainly Asian families have increased dramatically by approximately 50% (according to the local CRC). Prominent members of the local NF are on bail pending charges for three of these attacks; on the day itself, three NF were charged with carrying offensive weapons. Anti-fascists from all over the area gathered in Oldham that day, meeting in the Bangladeshi Community Centre.

Despite the fact that the NF demo had been banned by the council approx. 40/50 fascists (according to the Oldham NF chairman – now retired) marched from the station through an area of Oldham, held a really at Crossley Playing fields, and were eventually dispersed by police. On their way to the station, a group of approx. 15 NF attacked the Bradford mini-bus with nine anti-fascists on board, who then attempted to defend themselves. (The same fascists have attacked a different group of people at a pub up the road about ten minutes earlier and, predictably, all of the anti-fascists were arrested).

The Oldham 9 now face serious charges, including malicious wounding, affray and breach of the peace. Some defendants face life imprisonment. Once again the police are attempting to criminalise those who are defending themselves against fascists and racists. A central support group has been formed in Bradford, and we are asking organisations to from support groups in other areas, to affiliate/donate to the Defence Campaign to publicise the events as widely as possible and to mobilise locally for those events. (Affiliation fees are: $25(pounds) for organisations, $5(pounds) for waged individuals and 1 pound for unwaged individuals.

**For further information on the Oldham 9 contact: Bradford Resource Centre, 31 Manor Row, Bradford 1. Tel 925046 OR PO Box 4, South m/c PDO Manchester M20 9EG OR PO Box 273 Forest Gate London E7.**

### ANARCHIST PAMPHLET SALE

**On September 13th 1986 Tame Valley Anarchists are having a pamphlet sale at *The Highland Laddie, Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Tameside.* 1-3pm**

### More News From Barcelona

Other news from Barcelona includes another police aggression against the punks, resulting in three imprisonments and one hospitalisation. There was a demo recently organised by the Movment De Objectors de Consciencea (MOC – *un moc* is a bogey in Catalan) for two people currently in jail for refusing to do military service. Recently a group of ultra-rightists calling themselves Milicia Catalana were rounded up. They'd been entering sauna parlours, gay bars, and topless bars, shooting out the lights and throwing mollies/petrol bombs in the name of catholic purity. .